

RESOLUTION 6-2009

CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO INCREASE THE MILL LEVY ALLOCATION TO THE MADISON VALLEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Madison Valley Rural Fire District (MVRFD) has insufficient funds to adequately fund the necessary upgrades to facilities and equipment for adequate fire protection in the district, and

WHEREAS, an additional amount of \$73,811.00 per year is needed to maintain an approximate budget of \$200,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Board of Trustees has requested an additional 4.35 mill levy be placed on the May 5, 2009 election ballot (1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday) in accord with 15-10-425 MCA over and above the 9.0 mills currently levied, and

WHEREAS, the current 9.0 voted mills expires in 2010, and

WHEREAS, the MVRFD is requesting the term of the 4.35 mills in addition with the 9.0 mills that expire in 2010, for a total of 13.35 mills be made permanent, and

WHEREAS, contingent upon the passage of this mill levy, the Ennis City Council has elected to annex the Town of Ennis Fire District into the Madison Valley Rural Fire District in accord with MCA 7-33-2101 2 (a), and

WHEREAS, contingent upon the passage of this mill levy, the Madison Valley Rural Fire District Trustees agree to the annexation of the Town of Ennis Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the cost to operate a Fire District with the size and growth of MVRFD is increasing yearly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be placed on said May 5, 2009, election ballot the question in the following form:

Shall the Trustees of the Madison Valley Rural Fire District be authorized to impose a levy of 13.35 mills, permanent, necessary to raise sufficient funds of approximately \$73,811.00 per year for the purpose of maintaining the current budget needed to annex the Town of Ennis into the Madison Valley Rural Fire District and continue to maintain and improve the services provided by Madison Valley Rural Fire District? This levy would replace the current funding from the Town of Ennis (6.0 voted mills & 4.8 provided from general fund) and add to the existing levy for the Madison Valley Rural Fire District which the Town of Ennis would now be annexed. If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at \$100,000.00 would increase by approximately \$8.64 per year and property taxes for a home valued at \$200,000 would increase by approximately \$17.28 per year.

☐ For the Trustees of Madison Valley Rural Fire District to be authorized to impose a levy of 13.35 mills, permanent, necessary to raise sufficient funds of approximately \$73,811.00 per year for the purpose of maintaining the current budget needed to annex the Town of Ennis into the Madison Valley Rural Fire District and continue to maintain and improve the services provided by Madison Valley Rural Fire District.

☐ Against the Trustees of Madison Valley Rural Fire District to be authorized to impose a levy of 13.35 mills, permanent, necessary to raise sufficient funds of approximately \$73,811.00 per year for the purpose of maintaining the current budget needed to annex the Town of Ennis into the Madison Valley Rural Fire District and continue to maintain and improve the services provided by Madison Valley Rural Fire District.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS ____ DAY OF _____.

David Schulz, CHAIRMAN

James P. Hart

Marilyn Ross

ATTEST:

Peggy Kaatz
Clerk & Recorder